

Remarks

The present application has been reviewed in view of the Office Action dated December 5, 2007. By the foregoing amendments, claim 8 is amended. Claims 8-15 are pending in the present application.

Applicant submits that no new matter is added by the amendments, and supports for the amendments can be found from throughout the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed. For example, the additional limitations added in claim 8 are sufficiently described in the original specification, for example, in paragraphs [00058] and [00060], along with associated drawings thereof.

Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to reconsider the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103(a)

The previous rejection of claim 8-12 was withdrawn in view of Applicant's previous response filed. However, the Examiner renewed the 103(a) rejections over the previously cited references in view of new references of Shioji (US 2002/0015100) and Go (JP 2002-91814A). More specifically, claims 8-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Berstis (US Pat. No. 6,721,001) in view of Endo (US Pat. No. 6,763,182), Anderson (US Pat. No. 6,683,649), and Shioji (US 2002/0015100). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Berstis in view of Endo, Anderson, Shioji (US 2002/0015100), and Go (JP 2002-91814A).

Claims 8-12 of the present invention are directed to a method of managing user data-files in a portable digital apparatus, and each claim as amended requires, among other limitations:

- (i) generating representative voice files and data-files in a corresponding

directory through manipulation by a user, each representative voice file for describing a group of the data-files to be stored in the corresponding directory;

(ii) the representative voice files and data-files having respective names including sequentially arranged file indices based on the order of generation of the representative voice files and the data-files;

(iii) grouping the data-files into groups of files such that each respective group is associated with its representative voice file based on the file indices of the representative voice files and the data-files;

(iv) selectively displaying on the display device representative data-files of each of the groups in the corresponding directory;

(v) locating the corresponding directory to store data-files among directories formed on the recording medium; and

(vi) setting the located corresponding directory as a present directory.

The primary reference, namely, Berstis (US Pat. No. 6,721,001) discloses a digital camera which allows voice annotations to be recorded for each picture. However, Berstis discloses or teaches **none** of the above-identified limitations (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) of the invention as claimed in claims 8-12.

The Examiner has acknowledged that Berstis is silent, thus fails to teach, with respect to the above-identified limitations **(iv), (v), and (vi)**. See Office Action, pages 3-4.

With respect to the above limitation **(i)**, Berstis fails to teach the generating of a representative voice file in which the representative voice file is utilized for describing a group of the data-files to be stored in the corresponding directory. This

novel feature of the claims is well described, for example, in FIG. 6 and associated descriptions of the present application. In contrast, Berstis specifically teaches that each image data is accompanied with a corresponding recorded voice data. More specifically, referring to Fig. 5 of Berstis (and column 5, lines 30-43), one file includes three data corresponding to one picture taken. The first data is an image data, the second a recorded voice data, and the third a translated text data. As such, one recorded voice data is generated corresponding to one picture. This is substantially different from the representative voice file structure of the claimed invention, which is utilized for describing a group of the data-files to be stored in the corresponding directory. Contrary to Berstis, the present invention (see FIG. 6) utilizes a representative voice file which is independently generated to group plural data files and which is also for describing the group of the data-files to be stored in the corresponding directory. Accordingly, Berstis clearly fails to teach the above-identified limitation **(i)**.

With respect to the above limitation **(ii)**, Berstis fails to disclose or teach the representative voice files and data-files having respective names including sequentially arranged file indices based on the order of generation of the representative voice files and the data-file. Applicant submits that this is acknowledged, at least in part, by the Examiner.

With respect to the above limitation **(iii)**, Berstis fails to disclose or teach grouping the data-files into groups of files such that each respective group is associated with its representative voice file based on the file indices of the representative voice files and the data-files. Applicant submits that this is acknowledged, at least in part, by the Examiner.

As discussed above, Berstis fails to disclose or teach the above-identified limitations (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) of the invention as claimed in claims 8-12.

Applicant respectfully submits that other references of record, such as Endo, Anderson, Shioji, and Go, also fail to disclose or teach at least some or all of the above limitations (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) of the invention as claimed in claims 8-12.

For example, like Berstis Endo (US Pat. No. 6,763,182) also fails to teach, among others, at least the above-identified limitations (i) and (ii) of claims 8-12. With respect to the above limitation (i), nowhere in Endo discloses the generating of a representative voice file in which the representative voice file is utilized for describing a group of the data-files to be stored in the corresponding directory. With respect to the above limitation (ii), nowhere in Endo discloses **the representative voice files** and data-files having respective names including sequentially arranged file indices based on the order of generation of the representative voice files and the data-files as required by the claimed invention. Endo is entirely silent and ignorant of **any representative voice files** which have respective names including sequentially arranged file indices based on the order of generation of the representative voice files and the data-files.

Applicant further submits that other secondary references of record, such as Anderson, Shioji, and Go, also fail to disclose or teach at least some or all of the above limitations (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) of the invention as claimed in claims 8-12. Detailed discussions of these references are omitted herein for simplicity purposes.

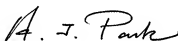
Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 8-12 as amended are patentable over the references of record and in condition for allowance.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner has reaffirmed the allowability of claims 13-15 if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8-12 as amended are patentable over the references of record and in condition for allowance. Therefore, claims 13-15 are also in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 8-15 as amended are patentable over the references of record and in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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